

New Albany High School  
2018-2019 Summer Reading  
Regular English 11

**TEXT: *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald**

<https://www.ibe.it/ebook/The-Great-Gatsby.pdf>

The summer reading assignment has two parts counting as a 100 point major grade. **It is due the second day of the course (Fall - August 9; Spring - January 9). We will submit during class through Turnitin on Canvas.** For each day the assignment is late, your grade will drop one letter grade. Students should thoroughly read the entire packet and be sure to follow all instructions. Students should use their best organizational and writing skills and proofread carefully for grammatical errors.

**\*\*Copying the work of other students or material found on the internet is plagiarism and will result in a zero for the assignment and further disciplinary action.\*\***

In the following packet, you will find instruction for the media project and prompts for the explanatory essay pertaining to *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. You should read the book in its entirety to complete all assignments successfully. Your teacher will provide the link to download the book to your iPad. Please do so before school ends on May 23.

*The Great Gatsby* is set in New York during the Roaring Twenties: the time of great economic prosperity. Nick Carraway, the narrator, travels to Long Island to become a successful bond salesman. He becomes captivated by the life and past of his millionaire neighbor Jay Gatsby. Caught in a tug of war, Nick's life is forever changed by those near to him.

## Part I: Media Project "The American Dream Project" 30 points

The notion of the American Dream plays a very important role in *The Great Gatsby*. You will demonstrate your definition and insights about the American Dream of the past and the present.

Create a Keynote, Prezi, Google Slide, or iMovie project based on your findings on the given questions. Your slides should be organized in the following order.

1. What is your definition of the American Dream? Explain/elaborate how you derive this definition.
2. Is the American Dream an achievable goal or an attitude/mindset? Defend your response with specific details/examples from the book.
3. List 2-4 representations of the American Dream from the book.
4. List 2-4 representations of the American Dream today.
5. Compare the American Dream between the 1920s and today.
6. What is your American Dream?

## Part II: Explanatory Essay 70 points

Choose one of the following prompts about *The Great Gatsby*. Write an essay in present tense and third person point of view explaining the specific points. Use quotes and examples to support your responses. Cite source.

Type essay in Google Docs, Times New Roman, 12 point font, double-spaced with a header (upper left-hand corner of the first page), and center title.

### Example of header

Student first and last name

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Title of Essay

### Writing Prompts

1. Is what Gatsby feels for Daisy love, obsession, or objectification of something deeper? What is Fitzgerald's message here? Explain whether or not Gatsby can really love, given his characteristic and if Daisy is part of his American Dream.
2. Discuss the novel's theme that the American Dream is corrupted by the desire for wealth. Explain how the characters from both social classes pursue this task. What does the novel and its theme offer about the American identity?
3. Discuss the novel's theme that outward appearances can be deceptive. Identify the characters and examples to support this theme. Explain the purpose of their deception and what was the

characters trying to hide. What does the novel and its theme offer about the American identity?